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BOOK REVIEWS.

Street Railway Reports Annotated (Cited St. Ry. Rep.): Reporting the Electric Railway and Street Railway Decisions of the Federal and State Courts in the United States. Edited by Frank B. Gilbert, of the Albany Bar. Vol. III. Matthew Bender & Company, Albany, New York. 1906. \$5.00 per volume.

In looking over the current reports one will be struck with the enormous increase of street railway litigation. The many cases involving steam roads seem not to furnish precedent for cases of this class, as the courts have repeatedly laid down principles governing the rights and duties of street railways as carriers of passengers, differing very materially from those laid down as to other common carrier. The increase of the mileage of electrical street railways, together with the fact that they usually occupy crowded streets and highways, accounts for the fact of the enormous increase of litigation involving their rights and liabilities. Indeed, the rules of the law of negligence as applied to street railway companies have become special in their nature. Hence, the great utility of a series of reports collecting this particular class of cases. The publishers aim to issue two volumes a year, in which current cases are reported, together with exhaustive notes. The editor of the work has not overlooked recent Virginia cases, a number of which he reports with notes.

The Modern Corporation, Its Mechanism, Methods, Formation and Management. A practical Work on the Corporate Form as Used for Private Enterprises. By Thomas Conyngton, of the New York Bar, author of "Corporate Organization," "Corporate Management," etc.' Second Edition. The Ronald Press, New York, 1905.

Mr. Conyngton has put forth many practical books on the various branches of corporate law. Indeed, his works seem to be intended not only for the lawyer but for the business man. His present effort gives those who are charged with the conduct of corporate enterprises such information as will enable them to perform intelligently the duties entrusted to them. Much attention is given to the details of corporate management. The lawyer and the layman will both find profit in the use of "The Modern Corporations."

The Heart of the Railroad Problem. The History of Railway Discrimination in the United States, The Chief Efforts at Control and the Remedies Proposed, with Hints from Other Countries. By Prof. Frank Parsons, Ph. D., Author of "The Story of New Zealand," "The World's Best Books," "The City for the People," "The Railways, the Trusts, and the People." Little, Brown & Company, Boston. 1906. \$1.50, net.

This is a timely work. Its author for more than twenty years has been lecturing and writing on the relations between the railroads and the people. He was one of the principal witnesses before the Interstate Commerce Committee of the United States Senate and his testimony attracted wide attention. He has travelled throughout England and this country studying the problem about which he writes. The author's idea is that the heart of the railroad problem is not that railroad rates are as a whole unreasonable, but that favoritism is shown to large shippers, thus enabling them to crush out competition. In one chapter he discusses over sixty different forms of railway discrimination. The book discloses the most wonderful ingenuity exercised in behalf of great corporations in obtaining unfair advantages over their competitors. Dr. Parson's book is well worth the study of